Condition of the Water.

Tide Table.

Today-Low tide, 10:10 a.m. and 10:48 p.m.;

high tide, 3:37 a.m. and 4:08 p.m. Tomorrow—Low tide, 10:52 a.m. and 11:34 p.m.; high tide, 4:25 a.m. and 4:52 p.m.

The Sun and Moon. Sun rises, 6:59; sun sets, 4:37. Moon rises, 1:49 p.m.; sets, 2:15 a.m. tomorrow.

The Bicycle Lamps.

All bicycle lamps must be lighted at 4:37.
The police regulations require that "All cycles, bicycles and tricycles in motion after sendown shall carry a suitable light."

The City Lights.

Gas lamps all lighted by 5:52 p.m.; extinguishing begun at 5:45 a.m. The lighting is begun one hour before the time named. If clear less lighting may be ordered.

Range of the Thermometer.

The following were the readings of the thermometer at the weather bureau today: S a.m., 36; 2 p.m., 44; maximum, 44; minimum, 38

strife of determined consciences and result

Should one be chesen for bishop by a simple majority at this convention many would refuse, and their consciences would make them do so, to sign the canonical testimonials. A formal protest would be made, and we lo not believe that the standing committees and the bishops would approve an election of whose unconstitutionality there is, at the very least, such grave cause for doubt.

J. B. PERRY,

CHARLES E. BUCK,

ALFRED HARDING.

Hotel Arrivals.

York; Howard S. Nulton, Richmond; Daniel

Kelly, John J. Sullivan, Atlantic City. Willard's-Jas. A. Walker, Va.; M. I.

Southland, Jas. J. Felley, New York; J. D.

Leighty and wife, St. Jose, Ind.; S. A. Wat-

Riggs-Representative H. Henry Powers

and wife, Morrisville, Vt.; Jesse Overstreet, Franklin, Ind.; Representative Joseph W.

Bailey, Gainesville, Texas; John Eagan and wife, New York.

Arlington-Representative B. B. O'Dell.

Arlington—Representative B. B. O'Dell, jr., Newburg, N. Y. Normandie—Representative Walter Evans and wife, Louisville, Ky.; Representative Richard W. Blue, Pleasanton, Kan. Cochran—Representative Henry C. Van Voorhis, Zanesville, Ohlo; Representative Charles Grosvenor, Athens, Ohlo, National—W. C. Anderson, Newport,

National - W. C. Anderson, Newport, Tenn.; Henry R. Gibson, Knoxville, Tenn.; J. A. McMillan, North Carolina; W. A. Cummings, New York; S. L. Foster, Nor-

fclk. Va.

St. James—S. Armstrong, New York; C.
H. Woodbridge, W. C. Paramarr, Boston.
Ebbitt—Representative Lucien J. Fenton,
Winchester, Ohio; Representative Jas. McLachlin and wife, Los Angeles, Cal.; Lieut.
Chester M. White, U. S. R. C. S.
Metropolitan—Representative Wm. F.
Stroud, Chapel Hill. N. C.; W. A. Ford,
M. M. Hungerford) Knoxville, Tenn.; F. B.
Calton, David Cowan, New York; J. R.
Williams, N. J. Hunt, A. L. Hunt, Richmond, Va.

Williams, N. J. Hunt, A. L. Hunt, Richmond, Va. Oxford-Wm. T. Wallace, New York; John H. Patterson, Boston; B. E. Jones and wife, Buena Vista, Va.; Henry U. Johnson, Rich-

To Entertain at Manishy Home.

Aid Society have arranged to give a recep-

tion to those interested in the charity at the

George Maulsby home, 230 C street, Decem-

ber 10, from 3 till 10 o'clock. The house

will be open on that occasion. Refresh-

ments of all kinds will be served by the

ladies. The patronesses are Mrs. Patenotre,

Mrs. Actioners, Mrs. de Mendonca, Mrs. Jno.
W. Foster, Mrs. Olney, Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs.
Lamont, Mrs. Hoke Smith, Mrs. Wilson,
Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Neison Miles, Mrs. Shiras, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. White, Mrs. Brewer,
Mrs. Memillan, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Glovmiss Kibbay, Mrs. When Nolson, Page

er, Miss Kibbey, Mrs. Thos. Nelson Page, Mrs. Gardiner Hubbard, Mrs. John Hay,

Miss Morton, Mrs. Fuller, Mrs. Harlan, Mrs. Field and Mrs. Brown. Through the courtesy of Cols. Closson and Gordon the artillery and cavalry string bands will play

Queen Victoria Sends Acknowled-

ments to Hon. Horatio King.

Ex-Postmaster General King has received

from the private secretary of Queen Vic-

toria the following graceful acknowledg-

BALMORAL CASTLE, November 15,

1805.-Dear Sir: I am commanded by the

queen to convey to you the expression of her best thanks for the copy of your book, "Turning on the Light," which you were good enough to forward through the Brit-

ceptance.

The queen further wishes the to assure you that she has been greatly touched by the kind allusions to help malesty which are contained in that volume.

I have the honor to be dear sir,
Yours, very faithfully.

ARTHUR BIGGE.

Private Secretary.

HORATIO, KING, esq., Washington.

The Knights of Labor.

The executive board of the Knights of

Labor continued its sessions to lay, but, as

was stated by one of the members, no

ambassador for her majesty's ac-

during the afternoon and evening.

ment of his book:

ceptance.

The ladies of the Newsboys and Children's

son, Philadelphia.

Raleigh-N. Valckman, J. B. White, New

FINANCIAL.

C. T. Havenner,

This con pany has money to loan upon

SPECIAL NOTICES.

MASONIC.—THE STATED COMMUNICATION OF Harmony Lodge, No. 17, F.A.A.M., THURSDAY, November 28 'Thanksgiving day), has been dis-pensed with. W. HAMILTON SMITH, Secretary. 1t I. O. O. F.—FRIENDSHIP LODGE, NO. 12.—THE regular meeting on Thanksgiving night will be ON FITED. A special meeting for regular business will be held SATURDAY, Nov. 30, at 7:30 p.m. By order of the lodge.

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E. T. PETTENGILL, R. S.

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E. T. PETTENGILL, R. S.
I. O. O. F.—THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETing of Beacon Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F., THIS
(WEDNESDAY) ZVENING in the blue room, 7th
st. hall, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of takling appropriate action upon the death of Bro. E.
C. Merriam, P. G., which occurred this morning,
F. HILIP FRIEDIANDER, N. G.
C. R. MeBRIDE, Rec. Sec. 1t

YOU MEN NEVER BEFORE ATE
SUCH BIG, FAT, DELICIOUS OYSTERS
AS WE are serving. They come from our own
oyster beds in Chinesteague bay. Finest that
ever came out of salt water. Natural, briny
flavor. Don't need any salt on them. Received
fresh every day. That's one reason why they're
so good. so good.

EFDine with us Thanksgiving day. We're going to serve a glorious dinner. 4 to 8, for 50c. FRITZ REUTER'S, COR. PA. AVE. AND 1½ ST. no27-104.

MASHINGTON, D. C., November II, 1895.

The annual meeting of stockholders of THE COLUMBIA TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY of the District of Columbia, for the election of fifteen trustees, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, No. 500 5th st. n.w., on MONDAY, the 16th day of December, 1895. Polis will be open from 2 to 4 o'clock p.m. Books for transfer of stock will close on December 6, 1895.

J. D. COUGHIAN. DR. CLARA W. MeNAUGHTON, DENTIST, HAS removed to 1023 Cons. ave. Special attention given to ladies and children; consultation free. no25-im*

GO TO THE CENTER MARKET FOR YOUR Thanksgiving Supplies. The stalls and stands are filled with the choicest productions of the season. Come one, come all, to this mammoth market and see the good things provided in great abundance for all the people. All car lines reach Center Market. The market will be open WEDNEDAY, from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m., and on THURSDAY, from 5 o'clock to 10:30 a.m. no25-3t

P. S. SMITH, Clerk.

no25-3t
P. S. SMITH, Clerk.

OST—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1895, I-EED
of trust note for the sum of \$1,000, bearing date
August 15, 1895, signed by LEE B. MOSHER,
and payable to the order of Henry E. Kondrop
one year after date. All persons are hereby
cautioned not to receive or negotiate the same.
Finder will please return to BUTLER & GRAHAM, 503 E st. n.w., and receive reward.
no25-3t

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SPIRITUALISM.—MRS. MARY J. STEPHENS, trained medium. Sittings daily from 10 to 4 o'clock. Evenings by appointment. 222 A st. no25-3t* NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL NOT be responsible for any debts or obligations conbe responsible for any debts or obligations con-tracted or incurred by Mrs. Schota C. Allen, and that any person who shall sell her goods must look to her for payment for the same. Dated November 23, 1845. po25-3t* STEPHEN W. ALLEN.

THE ROCHDALE SOCIETY.
The office of the Rochdale Co-operative Society of the District of Columbia is moved to 707 G st. n.w., 2d floor, front.
Ec25-3t
L. S. EMERY, Secretary.

SPIRITUALISM.

MRS. EFFIE McNELL, business and test medium, has resumed practice for the fall and winter and will be at home daily until further notice. Business examinations a specialty and satisfaction guaranteed. 1914 Pa. ave. no23-6t* THIS IS TO NOTIFY MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS HIS IS TO NOTIFY MY FRIENDS AND FALRONS
that Mr. E. T. Green is no longer in my employ
and that I have no branch places of business under
his control. My oyster and ice business is still
conducted at the old place, Nos. 1920 and 1922 M
street, where I will take great pleasure in receiving your orders. Respectfully,
no23-6t

M. KINSLOW & SON.

FRED. B. NICHOLS,
(Late with Wm. Ballantyne & Sons).
HARRY W. NICHOLS,
(Late with Chas. G. Stott & Co.).
MESSRS. FRED. B. NICHOLS & CO.
Beg leave to announce that they have this day
entered into a copartnership for the transaction
of a wholesale and retail stationery and paper
business. business.

They will be pleased to see their friends and patrons at their new store, No. 913 E st. n.w. ro23-6t* PRINTING, ENGRAVING.

OPEN FIREPLACES. - IMPORTED MARBLES with their rich variegated markings, harmonizing in color with decoration of room, are now used for the most artistic fireplaces. Andirons and other fireplace fixtures in all styles. Estimates cheerfully given. J. H. CORNING, Tile Shop, not1 F. A. VARALLO & CO.'S PARLOR ORCHESTRA, formerly of 110 B st. n.w., have moved to 225 Pa. ave. n.w.

Music furnished at moderate prices. n2-1m°

H. L. McQUEEN,
PRINTER AND PUBLISHER,
FINE BOOK AND JOB PRINTING.
1108-1110 E ST. N.W. TELEPHONE 820. OLD AND SOILED GAS FIXTURES AND METAL, goods refinished equal to new by same process as employed at factories; gold, silver and nickel plating. Sead postal for estimates, ELMER H. CATLIN & CO., Central Power Station. o9-2m

-The '96 Model COLUMBIA is a revelation of mechanical skill, artistic beauty. There's no doubt of the "Columbia" being THE wheel of '96. DISTRICT CYCLE CO.,

Ordinary Correspondence

Doesn't require the costly paper. Sometimes business paper is a little out of place. Here's the proper medium. Use our TINTED ROX PAPER and ENVELOPES. A splendly quality—and neat appearance. 12, 25 and 50c. Sec. EZ1,000 White or Drab Envelopes, \$1.

Easton & Rupp, 421 11th St., Pepular Priced Stationers. (Just above ave.)

Spier has spared No pains or time in gathering together one of the finest lines of Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, Diamonds, &c. Inexpensive prices and goods reserved for a small deposit.

SPIER, 310 9th st.

The Northern Liberty Market,

5th st. corner of K n.w., will be open Wednesday, the 27th inst., from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m., closed on Thanksgiving day. GEO. P. BOHRER, Superintendent.

Not "Just as Good." There is no whisky "just as good" as Tharp's Pure "Berkeley" kye Whisky—so say leading physicians, and they ought to know! \$1 full qt., and only of us.

James Tharp, 812 F St.

Calendars for 'o6.

One of the best ways of advertising your business for the money expended is through the medium of attractive calendars. Attractive, interesting calendars will be hung up, and your adwill be seen 365 days in the year. We have as many as a bundred designs. Notice the window full and drop in and get prices.

Printer,

ByronS. Adams, I never disr 512 11th st. Mr. John Perreard

Will formally open his new cafe, 1206 E st. n.w. WEDNESDAY. His friends and the general pub-lic are cordially invited to attend. no25-3t* You want a paint

-to dry with a hard enamel surface-last a long while and not be affected by ordinary heat. "Model" Paints are what you want.

\$1.50 a gal. can, put up and sold only by CHAS. E. HOUGKIN, 913 7th st. no23-10d

Have You Seen It? We refer to the "NUMBER FIFTEEN" RAM-LER, advance guard of the 1896 patterns.

Changed somewhat in lines and detail from '95 styles, and improved as much as it is possible to improve what was about right to start with. Orders taken now for the "Number Fifteen" can probably be filled early next month, and if ontemplate changing mounts, now's the time

o inspect a sample.

Prices for 1896 will remain the same, quality is always up to our high standard, and the '96 tire will be "foolproof." You CAN'T put it on More new patterns to follow.

GORMULLY & JEFFERY MFG. CO.,

No. 1325 14th st. n.w. nc14-28d No. 431 10th n.w. (down-town store).

·DR. CARLETON,

728 9TH ST. N.W.

ALL DISEASES OF A SPE-CIAL NATURE PRIVATE-LY, PROMPTLY AND PER-MANENTLY CURED. by and Bladder Aliments, Scalding, Burning, ag, Difficult or Teo Frequent Urination, Lost ling Vitality, Frompt relief, Positive cure, 10 to 5; Evenings, 7 to 8; Sundays, 10 to 2.

in any form positively shel permanently cured by a new theory of treatment; city references.

C. H. ENGLISH, M.D.,
1111 F st. n.w. Cancer

CHURCH NOTICES.

CHURCH OF OUR FATHER, 13TH AND L. SERvice at 11 a.m. Preaching by Rev. W. W. Curry.
All cordially invited. ▲ UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE TOMORROW at 11 a.m. at Metropolitan Presbyterian Church, 4th and B.s.e. Sermon by Rev. E. O. Eldridge of Waugh M. E. Church. GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 9TH AND D STS. s.w., near 7th st. cable.—Service of Thanksgiving and sermon at 19:30 a.m. tomorrow. Rev. T. O. Tongu's, rector.

CONFERENCÉ CALLED

Churchmen Asked to Meet Before the Convention Assembles

TO DISCUSS SOME IMPORTANT POINTS

Views Regarding the Rules Governing the New Diocese.

OPINIONS ON BOTH SIDES

convention of the new diocese of Washing ton does not diminish as the day of its meeting-a week from today-draws near. The articles that have appeared in The Star ndicate some differences of opinion in regard to the probable action of the convention. With the hope of harmonizing views and facilitating the business of the convention, an invitation has been sent to the clergy and laymen entitled to seats in the body, for an informal fraternal conference touching some proposed features in the constitution of the new dlocese. These refer to the rights of the laity to be represented on the standing committee and to have a constitution of the standing committee and to have a constitution of the standing committee and to have a constitution of the standing committee.

the rights of the laity to be represented on the standing committee, and to have a concurrent vote with the clergy in the election of bishops. It is claimed that there are only two dioceses out of fifty-three in which this right is denied to the laity.

Another question is whether a bishop shall be chosen by a majority vote. The law of the diocese of Maryland requires a two-thirds vote. Here, too, it is said, with the exception of one other diocese, Maryland stands alone among the more than fifty dioceses of the country.

The conference will be held in Trinity Parlsh Hall the evening before the conven-

Parish Hall the evening before the conven-tion. The ministers and laymen who have different views, so that it is claimed the call commits no one to any particular action. It also leaves untouched the disputed question of the power of the convention to form

tion of the power of the convention to form its own organic law.

The following is the call:

To the clergy and laity who shall be members of the primary convention of the diocese of Washington.

Dear Brethren: We, whose names are appended to this paper, respectfully invite a conference of all the members of the approaching primary convention, to be held in the Parish Hall of Trinity parish, corner of 3d and C streets, on Tuesday evening, December 3, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of considering the wisdom of introducing into the organic law of the new diocese the following features: lowing features:

1. The laity to be represented on the standing committee.
2. The laity to have a concurrent vote with the clergy in the election of a bishop,

the two orders balloting separately.

3. The election of a bishop to be determined by a majority of the votes of the clergy and a majority of the votes of the clergy and a majority of the votes of the lalty.

Signed—For the clergy—Thos. G. Addison, Jno. A. Aspinwall, James W. Clark, Neilson Falls, Richard Lewis Howell, Thos. Alex. Johnstone, William H. Laird, Alex. Mackay-Smith, R. H. McKim, Edward M. Mackay-Smith, R. H. McKim, Edward M. Tune

Mackay-Smith, R. H. McKim, Edward M. Mott, Albert R. Stuart, William V. Tunnell, Gilbert F. Williams.

For the laity—Wm. D. Baldwin, Chas. C. Glover, Charles King, Blair Lee, Wm. A. Meloy, Henry E. Pellew, Seymour W. Tuilock, E. N. Waters, Samuel E. Wheatley, L. A. Wilmer, George A. Woodward.

The Question of a Constitution.

There is considerable discussion in church ircles, as readers of The Star are aware, of the question whether the coming convention shall be governed in its proceedings by the constitution of the old diocese of Maryland or whether it can make at the outset a constitution of its own. A brief summary of the arguments of those who contend for following the old constitution was presented in The Star last Monday in an interview with Mr. Abert. The contrary view, representing the opinion of what is said to be an influential element in the church, is submitted by an authority on ecclesiastical law.

"The whole question hinges," said this churchman to a Star reporter today, "upon article V of the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. Maryland or whether it can make at the

article V of the constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, as follows:

"Whenever the division of a diocese into two or more dioceses shall be ratified by the general convention, each of the dioceses shall be subject to the constitution and canons of the diocese so divided, except as local circumstances may reven; until the local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either diocese by the convention thereof.'

the convention thereof."
"The question to be elucidated is this: Is
it the purpose of the said fifth article, in
making the new diocese subject to the constitution of the old diocese, to give it an
organic law from the outset, which can organic law from the outset, twhich can only be altered according to the terms of that law, which in this case would require the action of the two ensuing conventions; or is it only intended to give the inchoate diocese a law by which to organize itself, so that the organization shall take place in an orderly way, and upon recognized and accepted rules, but not to deprive it of the inherent right of creating its own organic law after it should be organized? In other words, has the primary convention the power, after having organized under the conditions prescribed by the old constitution, and so become one of the sovereign dioceses, to proceed to establish for itself an organic law, unfettered by the conditions prescribed in the old constitution for its alteration?

The Logic of It.

"Now, in the first place, it will be observed that unless the primary convention be indeed clothed with this power of making its own organic law, it is absolutely precluded from making any alteration in the old constitution, however vitally important it may be. There may be provis-ions in the old constitution obviously and seriously injurious to the life of the newlyseriously injurious to the life of the newly-born diocese, but, unless they are such as local circumstances prevent' it from ob-serving, it has no remedy; it must obey them to its own damage, until they can be changed in accordance with the terms of the old constitution, whether it take two years or ten years. For it is possible that some diocese might insert in its con-stitution a requirement that any proposed change must be approved by ten succes-sive conventions before it should have the force and operation of law; and if such dio-cese should be divided, then under this view, the new diocese must work under

CHURCH NOTICES.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE, CHURCH OF OUR Savior, Brookland, D.C., 11 a.m. Sermon by J. T. Crowe, in charge. THANKSGIVING SERVICE, METROPOLITAN M. E. Church, 4½ and C n.w., at 11 a.m. Special music by the choir. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. Hugh Johnston. Subject, "Our National Heri-tage."

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,
Conn. ave. end Met. st. car line.
Services—11 A.M. THURSDAY (Thanksgiving day).
CORDIAL WELCOME TO STRANGERS.
REV. RICH'D LEWIS HOWEL.
125 N. H. AVE.
14 RECTOR IN CHARGE.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, COR. TENTH and G sts. n.w., Rev. S. M. Newman, D.D., pastor.

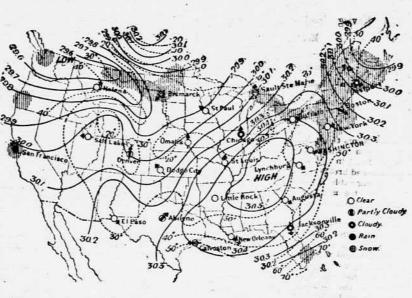
-Thenksgiving day services, 11 a.m., preaching by the pastor. The Mount Pleasant Congregational Church will unite in the service. Music by full choir.

COURCEAU OF THE COVENANT (PRESBYTERIAN), Connecticut ave., N and 18th sts. n.w., Rev. Teauls S. Hamilin, D.D., pastor.—Thankegiving service tomorrow from 11 to 12 o'clock. 11 DUMBARTON AVENUE M. E. CHURCH, THANKSgiving day.—11 a.m., preaching by Rev. L. B. Wilson, D.D. Preaching, 7:30 o'clock Saturday night, Dec. 1, by the paster to the U. O. A. M. 1t night, Dec. 1, by the pastor to the c. o. a. a. i.
UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE OF THE ASsembly's, Central and Fourth Presbyterian churches at Fourth Church, 9th and Grant sts., at 11
a m. Rev. Geo. O. Little will preach, Public invited. RYLAND M. E. CHURCH.-ALL-DAY MEETING

on Thursday, 9:30 a.m., praise service, 11 a.m., Thanksgiving sermon, by pastor, 3 p.m., love feast, 7:30 p.m., revival, led by Mrs. Smith, 1t* REV. T. DE WITT TALMAGE, D.D., WILL PREACH every Sabbath evening at 7:30 o'clock, and also Thanksgiving morning (November 28), at 11 o'clock, at First Presbyterian Church, 4½ st. bet. C and D. no28-21

ST. PAUL'S ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH, corner of 11th and H n.w., Rev. S. Domer, paster.—Tranksgiving services—Sermon by the paster tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. NEW YORK AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

-Thanksgiving services by the pastor, Rev. Wal-lace Radeline, Thursday, 11 a.m. HAMLINE M. E. CHURCH, 9TH AND P STS. n.w., Rev. E. S. Todd, D.D., pastor.—Thanks-giving services at 11 o'clock a.m., conducted by the pastor. THE OFFICIAL WEATHER MAP.



or lines of equal air pressure, drawn for each tenth of an inch. Dotted lines are isotherms or lines of equal temperature, drawn for each ten degrees. Shaded areas are regions where rain or snow has fallen during preceding twelve hours. The words "High" and "Low" show location of areas of high and low barometer. Small arrows fly with the wind.

THANKSGIVING WEATHER.

"Old Probs" Thinks It May Be Warmer

Forecast till 8 p.m. Thursday.-For eastern New York, eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware, fair; slightly colder tenight and warmer Thursday; westerly winds, shifting to southerly.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland, generally fair weather; winds shifting to southerly, and warmer Thursday afternoon, preceded by slightly colder weather tonight.

For Virginia, fair weather; northerly winds, shifting to southerly; warmer Thursday afternoon, colder in southeast portion tonight. Weather conditions and general forecast.-

The barometer has risen rapidly from the central valleys eastward to the Atlantic coast; it is highest over the Ohio valley and lewest west of Montana.

The temperature has fallen decidedly with a cold ware the Atlantic coast from Value and Inc. a cold wave on the Atlantic coast from New York to Florida, and it is also colder north

of Montana: it is warmer from the Missis sippi valley westward over the Rocky moun-Generally fair weather prevailed this morning in all districts, and will probably continue in the southern and middle Atlantic

ever injurious some of its provisions may be.

"In the next place it is submitted that the power of making its own constitution resides in every diocese, unless it is expressly, and by language, the meaning of which cannot be disputed, deprived of this power by the constitution of the general convention. Now, the primary convention is the representative body in which, for the time, the sovereign powers of the diocese at the capital of the nation there should be a noble example of orderliness, mederation and fair-minded obedience to law.

Should one be chesen for bishop by a simple majority at this convention many would refuse, and their consciences would make them do so, to sign the canonical testimonicis. A formal protest would be ests of the diocese demand. The general convention, through article V, gives it a law whereby to organize itself, but does not take from it the power to organize the diocese by determining its fundamental law. At least there can be no question that if such were the intention of the general convention, that intention should be eral convention, that intention should be

clearly and unequivocally expressed, and such is not the case. Not Intended to Cripple the Diocese. "It was never intended to in any way limit or cripple the newly born diocese, when once organized in an orderly manner, in the exercise of its inherent right to make its own organic law. Accordingly, the general convention added a clause expressly affirming this right, and declared that the old con-stitution should only be operative until the convention should alter it. But it is ob-jected that in respect to altering the dioparent and the daughter, are placed by artiparent and the daughter, are placed by arti-cle 5 on a complete equality, so that if the eld diocese cannot alter the constitution save by the action of two ensuing conven-tions, it follows that neither can the new diocese exercise that power in any other way.

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by two succeeding conventions. Powers of an Independent Diocese. "But the same is not true of the new diocese. It occupies a cuite different position. and is possessed of quite different powers. It is in the first stage of its being, and has not yet imposed upon itself any such renot yet imposed upon itself any such restrictions as those just alluded to. It stands, therefore, possessed of all the powers of an independent diocese, whole, entire and unabridged. Accordingly, it may proceed in altering the constitution provisionally, given it by the general convention, in the exercise of its sovereign power, according to its own judgment of the best method. The proposition cannot be for a moment entertained that the new diocese, in the primary exercise of its self-organizing power, is fetercise of its self-organizing power, is fet-tered by conditions imposed by the old diocese, to which its consent has been neither asked nor given."

In Favor of the Old Order.

To the Editor of The Evening Star: It is proposed by some that at the primary convention now near at hand certain organic principles established in the present laws of the diocese of Maryland should summarily set aside; that radical changes may immediately be made in the rules for choosing a bishop and in the

rules for choosing a bishop and in the composition of a standing committee. There seems a determination on the part of some to force these changes through.

The chief aim is to set aside the rule which requires a vote of two-thirds for the choice of one to be bishop, and to make it practicable at once, at this convention, to elect by the vote of a simple "majority." We do not want to argue the advantage of such a charge, if lawfully and deliberately made. But we speak for many others as well as for ourselves when we declare that such action at the coming we declare that such action at the coming convention would be absolutely illegal and

The supreme law of the church set forth The supreme law of the church set forth by the general convention has provided a constitution for the rew diocese. It declares that the new diocese "shall be subject to the constitution and canons of the diocese which was divided, except as local circumstances may prevent, until the same may be altered in either diocese by the convention thereof."

There are no "local circumstances" which prevent the application of the present rule as to the election of a bishop or the composition of the standing committee. "Local circumstances" forbid the division of the dicese into four convocations; they make it impossible to constitute the board of missions under the present rule. But it

missions under the present rule. But it would be a dishonorable perversion of the real meaning and intent of article V of the constitution of the general convention quoted above to claim that "local circumstances" prevent the enforcement of the two-thirds rule.

That constitution to which the new dio-

That constitution to which the new dio-cese is thus made "subject" declares and limits the way in which it may be "alter-ed." It cannot be done at one convention, it must be the deliberate action of two successive conventions, having, previous to final action, been submitted to the vestries for their consideration.

Those who earnestly favor the change of

husiness that was of any interest to the public was transacted. An assembly of the K. of L., comprising about fifty of the employes of the various breweries in the city, was formed last night at Arion Hall by Organizer C. F. Beehtold. Short addresses were made by Messrs. French, Henry, Martin, Priesterbach, Kelly and McGuire of the late general assembly and local members of the Those who earnestly layor the change of the two-thirds rule should the more insist that It be made without the shadow of a doubt as to the regularity and lawfulness of the way in which it is done. And so we protest that if this matter comes up seriously in convention, it will bring on the

DIVIDING OFFICES

The Influence of Geography in the Organization of the House.

THE PRINCIPLE THAT HAS PREVAILED

An Interesting Record 'Covering All the History of Congress.

TOLD IN A TABLE

Mr. Henry H. Smith, formerly journal clerk of the House, has prepared an interesting statement in which he maintains it as a settled principle relating to the organization of the House of Representatives that the offices of Speaker, clerk, sergeantat-arms, doorkeeper and postmaster are to be distributed on the theory of political geographical conditions, so that all sections of the country might be represented in its official organization. Mr. Smith advanced this theory several years ago. As the statement has been denied, Mr. Smith has made up the record in tabular form, as fellows, as the best proof of 'he truth of Temperature and condition of water at 8 a.m.: Great Falls, temperature, 46; condition, 36; receiving reservoir, temperature, 48; condition at north connection, 36; condition at south connection, 36; distributing reservoir, temperature, 46; condition at influent gate house, 36; effluent gate house, 36.

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*F., Federal; R., Republican; D., Demo-erat; O., no party majority; A., admin-stration opposition.

Recapitulation.

Eastern and Middle States. Sergeant-at-arms......46 Western States.
 Speaker
 9 years

 Clerk
 4 years

 Sergeant-at-arms
 14 years

 Doorkeeper
 0 years
 Southern States. ..55 years

Doorkeeper43 years The District of Columbia furnished the sergeant-at-arms for ten years in the Nine-teenth, Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twen-ty-second Congresses, and the doorkeeper in the Twenty-ninth Congress, while, with in the Twenty-ninth Congress, while, with the exception of one Congress, it has furrished the chaplain since November 17, 1800, when the second session of the Sixth Congress convened in Washington. Until the Thirty-fifth Corgress (1857) each house elected a local chaplain, who opened the daily sessions with prayer, alternating weekly between the two houses. In that Congress the House adopted a resolution "that the daily sessions of the House be opened with prayer and requesting the "that the daily sessions of the House be opened with prayer and requesting the ministers of the gospel in this city to attend and alternately perform this solemn duty." This service was performed without compensation until the Thirty-eighth Congress, when a small allowance was made, which, in the Forty-second Congress, was increased to the present salary of Swip per anum

of \$500 per annum. The Postmaster.

The office of postmaster was not created until the Twenty-fifth Congress, 1837, and that officer was furnished by the District of Columbia for eight years, and subsequently by the above classified states as

follows: Eastern and middle states...... 2 years Total ...

democrats submitted a ticket arranged on geographical lines, and when the republigeographical lines, and when the republicans lost the House in the Forty-fourth Congress, they submitted the names of the officers of the preceding, (Forty-third) House as a matter of indorsement. In the Forty-fifth Congress the republican caucus followed this rule and presented the names of Jeremiah M. Rusk of Wisconsin for clerk, N. G. Ordway of New Hampshire for sergeant-at-arms, Horace H. Harrison of Tennessee for doorkeeper, Henry Sherwood of Michigan for postmaster, and Rev. J. G. Butler of the District of Columbia for chaplain,

wood of Michigan for postmaster, and Rev. J. G. Butler of the District of Columbia for chaplain.

In the following (Forty-sixth) Congress the republican caucus selected for clerk Joseph H. Rainey of South Carolina, Jeremiah M. Rusk of Wisconsin, for sergeant-at-arms; James M. Melton of Tennessee for doorkeeper, Henry Sherwood of Michigan for postmaster, and Rev. Henry R. Nailor of the District of Columbia, chaplain.

In the Forty-eighth Congress the republican caucus nominated ex-Speaker Keifer as its candidate for Speaker, Edward Mc-Pherson of Pennsylvania, clerk; George W. Hooker of Vermont, sergeant-at-arms; Walter P. Brownlow of Tennessee, door-keeper; George McNeir of Minnesota, postmaster, and Rev. Frederick D. Power of the District of Columbia, chaplain.

In thet Forty-ninth Congress they selected as their candidate for Speaker Thomas B. Reed of Maine, W. O. Crosby of Iowa for clerk, Albert O. Marsh of Indiana for

B. Reed of Maine, W. O. Croshy of Iowa for clerk, Albert O. Marsh of Indiana for sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Selden of Con-necticut for doorkeeper, and Charles W. Adams of Maryland for postmaster. In the Forty-ninth Congress they select-nominated for Speaker, Mr. McPherson for clerk, Daniel Shepherd of Illinois for ser-geant-at-arms, W. T. Fitch of Ohio for

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doorkeeper, and Charles H. Grey of Da-kota for postmaster.

In the Fifty-second Congress the repub-lican caucus selected the following per-sons as their officers: Mr. Reed for Speak-er, Mr. McPherson for clerk, Mr. Holmes of Iowa, sergeant-at-arms; Mr. Adams of Maryland, doorkeeper; Mr. Hathaway of Montana, postmaster, and Rev. Charles B. Ramsdell of the District of Columbia, chap-lain.

In the republican caucus for the Fifty third Congress the same gentlemen were named for the said offices, with the excep-tion of Rev. C. B. Ramsdell, who was not a candidate for the office of chaplain. BUYING A DINNER.

The Market Thronged Today by

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Thanksgiving Day Providers. The average householder finds that it is ecessary to purchase a good many things on the day before Thanksgiving, and so the Center Market today had the appearance of a real market day, but it was not as everybody knows, the regular market days being Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sat urdays, and this is so in spite of the fact that the market is open every day in the week. However that may be, today was a regular market day in the technical sense of that word, although the market will be

regular market day in the technical sense of that word, although the market will be open tomorrow morning until 10 o'clock. Presumably the majority of the people at the market were there to buy a turkey for their Thanksgiving dinner. There were plenty of these birds on hand, but in addition a great many other things that are good to eat, so it is evident that turkey is not the only article that enters into the composition of a Thanksgiving dinner. The butchers' stalls seemed to be as well atronized as those where turkeys and hickens were strung along in appetizing if not artistic array.

Then, too, the flower stands, which gave pleasing touches of color to the market house, had their quota of customers, and so did the woman who sold mince meat and the man who sold pickles, while for the butter men they had their hands full in supplying the demand for the yellow substance. It was quite evident to a visitor to the market that a good many people will have substantial dinners tomorrow, and the market, with its holiday dress and its bustling, pushing throng of buyers, presented one of those characteristic scenes which can only be witnessed at such a place on the day before a holiday, especially such a holiday as tomorrow, when the dinner is one of the important features of the day.

THE COURTS.

Equity Court No.1-Chief Justice Bingham Winter agt. Winter; time to take testi-mony limited to December 15. Fillmore agt. Grant; sale decreed, with J. H. Ralsagt. Grant; sale decreed, with J. H. Ralston, trustee. to sell. Bolton agt. Boyce; testimony before O. C. Hine, examiner, ordered taken. In re Henry V. Gerodette, Jennie Lee, Peter M. Brown and Lemuel Sewell; writs de lunatico inquirendo ordered to issue. Pearson agt. Smith; sale of assets of firm of Smith & Pearson ordered. Washington Market Co. agt. District of Columbia; leave to file amended and supplemental bill granted. United States Electric Lighting Co. agt. District of Columbia; restraining order returnable December 12 granted. Brown agt. Shesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.; auditor's report ratified. Searles granted. Brown art. Snesspeake and Onio Canal Co.; auditor's report ratified. Searles agt. Miner; sale decreed, with J. K. M. Norton, G. Hatley Norton, Edmund Burke and Morgan H. Beach, trustees, to sell. Cusick agt. Cusick; sale ratified nist. Brown agt. Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Co.; distribution of fund by trustee directed.

Equity Court No. 2—Judge Hagner.
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agt. Perrine et al.; rule to show cause returi able December 3 granted.

Circuit Court No. 1—Judge Bradley. Adriance, Platt & Co. agt. Heiskell: judg-ment for amount admitted and judgment of condemnation. Bergen agt. McCue; judgment for amount admitted. Sando agt. Mc Cue; do. Baum agt. Second National Bank (garnishee); judgment of condemnation re will of Katie H. Olmstead; on trial. Circuit Court No. 2-Judge McComas, Beardsley agt, Bradshaw; on trial.

Criminal Court No. 1—Judge Cole. Cases Nos. 235 to 238, 240, 267, 268, 270, 271, 274 continued until next term of the court. E. J. Peck et al., trustees, agt. Daniel Birt-well; verdict for defendant. A. Kohn & Co. agt. Voigt & Haas; on trial.

Criminal Court No. 2-Judge Cox. Criminal Court No. 2-Judge Cox.
U. S. agt. Lena Tucker; larceny; defendant arraigned; plea not guilty. U. S. agt.
Daniel H. Ferry; setting up gaming table; case given to jury.

Probate Court-Judge Hagner. Estate of Herman F. Huth; will filed. Estate of Herman F. Huth; will filed. Estate of Jas. I. Jones; inventory filed. Estate of Caleb J. Gibson; assent of sane of next of kin filed. Estate of Louis W. Sinsabaugh; petition for rule on administratrix to account filed.

The Colored Baptists.

To the Editor of The Evening Star:

In last evening's edition, under the cap-"No Race Distinction," you unintentionally make a statement which the facts will not bear out, viz .: "As a result of the agitation thus started by Dr. Brooks," etc. Now, as this is a matter of history. desire to say the agitation was started

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